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Information

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1. On 20 July 1955, the KVP officer school in the former German air force building on August Rebel Strasse in Dresden was only lightly occupied. There were no training courses. Sentries observed wore red collar patches. ¹

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2. the political school of the KVP in Berlin-Treptow was occupied by approximately 1,400 men in mid-July. In addition to political indoctrination, the students of the courses increasingly received special training. The latter was given separately for KVP and sea police.

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3. Between 19 August and 3 September, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by some 150 soldiers. Between 9 September and 1 October, the installation was occupied by an estimated 250 men. During the entire period under review, intensive activity was observed in the installation and the training area on the Havel River. The training involved officer candidates and a platoon of up to 50 officers. Training in firing, field training, drill, hand grenade precision throwing and physical training were observed. On 29 September, a platoon of officer candidates swam across the Havel River and back. ²

4. On 15 September, two companies were lined up in the former riding yard of the installation, apparently in order to be inspected by a group of high-ranking officers. In late September 80 officer candidates were to be distributed among undetermined units and were to be replaced by 100 new candidates. ²

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5. On 1 October, approximately 20 new officer candidates were stationed in the installation, the total occupation of which was about the same as previously. ²

6. On 1 September, the Leibgardehusaren Kaserne in Potsdam was occupied by some 200 men including officer candidates wearing green collar patches. Sentries observed wore green and black collar patches.

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7. Between 24 August and 3 October, the Oranienburg Castle was occupied by some 1,200 men including some with black and the others with green collar patches. The latter had also green epaulets. Five new temporary buildings had been erected in the southern portion of the former park. Four and, later, only three of these buildings were occupied by soldiers wearing green collar patches. The unit had allegedly been transferred from the Oranienburg concentration camp. ³
8. During the period under review, intensive training involving soldiers with green and black collar patches was observed. Training concentrated on drill, theoretical instruction and physical training.
9. In mid-September, the air raid shelter, which had been newly constructed in the installation was being used as cold storage room. ⁴
10. In early October, a second course for NCOs of undetermined assignment was held at the KVP school in Naumburg. Participants wore lilac collar patches and most of them, ~~an~~ Activist Badge. Trucks carrying soldiers, who were armed with rifles and submachine guns, almost daily left for firing practice. ⁵
11. In September, a KVP senior lieutenant, who had allegedly been detached for a 4-year course at a military academy in Moscow in 1954, was on leave in Stendal. The course was reportedly attended by officers from Hungary, Rumania, Poland, Red China and North Korea. The instructors were Russian officers and the courses were held in Russian.
12. In September, officer candidate courses of the KVP were held in Grossenhain.
13. Prior to mid-July, 3 former NCOs of the German Army, all members of the SED, were inducted for an 8-week exercise by a Kreis registration office of the KVP. Similar inductions were allegedly to follow regularly. ⁶
14. On 15 August, engineers who, after a 4 to 8-week course in Dresden I, were to become officers, were attached to the KVP as specialists. During the course, these engineers received officer's pay.
15. In September, KVP units were stationed in the old barracks buildings at 123-128 Reilstrasse in Halle. ⁷

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1. Comment. The Military Academy of the KVP is located there. ^{25X1}
2. Comment. In August, some 100 students of the motor vehicle school located in this installation participated in the summer training at the training grounds east of Kietz. ^{25X1}
These students probably returned during the first week of September and were possibly transferred to units and replaced by new officer candidates in late September.
3. Comment. The Oranienburg Castle is believed to quarter the AAA school of the KVP, the total strength of which including the officer candidates who arrived in early August, is believed to amount to 700 to 800 men. ^{25X1}
The soldiers with green service color cannot yet be identified. It is possible, however, that they were members of the general security police in new uniforms. ^{25X1}

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The construction of air raid shelters has apparently been under way in the KVP installations for some time. [REDACTED] 25X1
5. [REDACTED] Comment. Students with lilac service color have been reported in the Infantry School Naumburg since mid-July. It is possible that officer or NCO courses for the newly activated Sfs units were held there. [REDACTED] 25X1
6. [REDACTED] 25X1
7. [REDACTED] Comment. The installation is believed to quarter the telephone communications school. [REDACTED] 25X1

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